

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
TORRANCE CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Torrance Cultural Arts Commission convened in a regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 19, 2008 in the West Annex meeting room at Torrance City Hall.

**2. FLAG SALUTE**

Commissioner Strehler led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. ROLL CALL**

Present: Commissioners Bunting, Endo-Roberts, Miranda, Rische, Strehler, and Chairperson Smisek.

Absent: Commissioner Candioly.

Also Present: Cultural Services Manager Rappoport, and  
Cultural Arts Senior Supervisor Bell, and  
Cultural Services Supervisor Ferguson.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Rische moved to grant Commissioner Candioly an excused absence for the May 19, 2008 Commission meeting. Commissioner Miranda seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

**4. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Miranda moved to accept and file the report of the City Clerk on the posting of the agenda. Commissioner Strehler seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Rische moved for the approval of the April 21, 2008 Commission meeting minutes as submitted. Commissioner Strehler seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval (absent Commissioner Candioly).

**6. ON-GOING BUSINESS**

**6A. EXCELLENCE IN ARTS AWARDS**

Cultural Services Manager Eve Rappoport expressed appreciation to Commissioners for their participation in the May 10, 2008 Excellence in Arts Awards ceremony and stated that she has received several positive comments about the event.

Commissioners discussed the event and offered suggestions for improvement for next year's ceremony that include better placement of exhibits and order of presentation.

Cultural Services Supervisor Ferguson noted that Item 6A in the material of record incorrectly listed Councilmember Brewer in attendance and that it should read Councilmember Sutherland.

Chairperson Smisek shared a thank you note from Helen Nowatka.

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

**7A. 2008 GRANTS TO NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS**

Chairperson Smisek reported that the Grants Committee met on May 19, 2008 and unanimously decided to award each of the four applicants a \$1,000 grant and to reserve the remaining \$1,000 for next year's grant program.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Strehler moved to approve 2008 grants to non-profit organizations for recommendation to City Council as follows: Art Attack Foundation (\$1,000), Regina Klenjoski Dance Company (\$1,000), South Bay Conservatory (\$1,000), and Ted Tanouye Memorial Foundation (\$1,000), and to reserve the remaining \$1,000 for next year's grant program. Commissioner Bunting seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval (absent Commissioner Candioly).

**8. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**8A. EXCELLENCE IN ARTS COMMITTEE**

Previously discussed.

**8B. FACILITIES COMMITTEE**

No report.

**8C. GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE**

Previously discussed.

**9. MONTHLY DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Cultural Services Manager Rappoport reported that beginning with this meeting she would be inviting each program staff member to give a presentation to the Commission.

Cultural Services Supervisor Ferguson encouraged Commissioners to visit the final two weeks of the photography exhibition I/Eye and PIX at the Torrance Art Museum until May 31, 2008. She distributed postcards for the next exhibition beginning June 14, 2008 that will feature the South Bay Watercolor Society Membership Show and Cultural Services Division Art Instructor Show. She announced the Torrance Artists' Guild Membership Show opening on July 19, 2008.

She provided background about herself and discussed some of her responsibilities over the past seven and a half years that has included expanding the visual arts program, noting that this summer 118 visual arts classes in eight different disciplines are being offered. She stated that one of her duties is to plan programming to fill the five studios at the Cultural Arts Center. She discussed her responsibilities at

the Torrance Art Museum that includes overseeing the volunteer program, supervising the Getty summer intern, planning the annual recognition luncheon, auxiliary programming for Stories in Art, and serving as liaison with local artist groups.

A brief discussion centered on compiling mailing lists and increasing the use of e-mail distribution.

Cultural Services Consultant Powers thanked Commissioners for their participation in the Excellence in Arts Awards ceremony. He shared information about the last Works in Progress "Mexico City" on May 28, 2008 and Ooodles of Noodles on June 1, 2008.

## **10. ORALS**

**10A.** Commissioner Miranda stated that he enjoyed the Armed Forces Day luncheon and parade and is looking forward to attending the opening of "A Chorus Line."

**10B.** Commissioner Strehler commended Cultural Services Consultant Powers for preparing the scripts for Commissioners for the Excellence in Arts Awards ceremony. She stated that she also enjoyed the Armed Forces Day parade and Torrance Art Museum exhibit.

**10C.** Commissioner Rische stated that she also enjoyed the parade but objected to the way tickets were distributed for the military band performances.

**10D.** Commissioner Bunting stated that she enjoyed the Torrance Art Museum exhibit and shared information about museums that she visited in Denver, Colorado as well as galleries in Chinatown and Culver City.

**10E.** Commissioner Endo-Roberts stated that she enjoyed the Excellence in Arts ceremony and is looking forward to Ooodles of Noodles.

**10F.** Chairperson Smisek discussed the Bunka Sai Japanese Cultural Arts Festival, a walking tour of downtown Los Angeles, and a visit to the Getty Museum.

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** At 8:03 p.m., Commissioner Strehler moved to adjourn the meeting to Monday, June 16, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the West Annex meeting room at Torrance City Hall. Commissioner Rische seconded the motion and, hearing no objection, Chairperson Smisek so ordered.

Approved as Amended June 16, 2008 s/ Sue Herbers, City Clerk
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